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November 2, 2006

Gene K. Fong Division Administrator Federal Highway Administration 650 Capital Mall, Suite 4-100 Sacramento, CA 95814

Attention: Sue Kiser:

Dear Ms. Kiser:

With this letter, and pursuant to the authority delegated to me, I approve the following amendment of the Tahoe Metropolitan Planning Organization's (TMPO) 2006/07 - 2009/10 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP):

No. Description

2 State Element

Programs a project (MPO Id: TMC0205) to reconfigure signal phasing and intersection channelization, and to widen pavement for alignment at the intersection United States Highway 50 and the State Route 89 in the City of South Lake Tahoe. This project is funded from the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Program. The amendment programs a total of \$419,000 in Fiscal Year 2007/08.

See Enclosure.

I am also recommending that the Federal Highway Administration approve this FTIP Amendment No. 2 for inclusion into California's 2007 Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP). Projects included in this FTIP, in fiscal years not within the three-year cycle of the current FSTIP, and projects shown outside the State of California are not approved as part of this FTIP and are shown for information only. This project is included and submitted by TMPO through the California Transportation Improvement Program System.

The updated programming is for project types within Table 2 & 3 Exempt Projects, of 40 Code of Federal Regulations § 93.126 and § 93.127 that are exempt from the conformity determination requirement. Therefore, this FTIP amendment is consistent with the State Implementation Plan. The financial impacts of this amendment are compatible with anticipated revenues in the FSTIP Financial Plan and do not significantly affect the overall financial analysis.

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In accordance with existing law, public involvement procedures are a part of the project selection process. TMPO prepared this FTIP amendment under that process permitting citizens, affected local agencies, other public agencies, and other interested parties reasonable opportunity for comment.

Please address any questions on this FSTIP approval request to Abhijit Bagde, of my staff, at (916) 654-3638.

Sincerely,

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Chief

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Enclosures

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